

not true, and they know it. Because if it were true, the Democrats would be down here trying to cut \$13 billion from the budget to save Social Security. But they are not. Instead, they are actually criticizing us for not spending more money.

So here is the position of our friends on the other side of the aisle in a nutshell. On the one hand, they say we are spending \$13 billion more than we should. On the other hand, they are saying we should be spending more. How is that for consistency?

Mr. Speaker, when this process is over, it will be clear to all that we Republicans have delivered on our promise to protect Social Security from being raided by our big-spending friends on the other side of the aisle.

UNMASK THE GOP

(Mr. CUMMINGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, as we near Halloween weekend, it is clear that the GOP has put on its mask and is ready for a masquerade ball where they can pretend to be who they are not. But masks come off at the end of the ball and will reveal that the true face of the GOP is one of hypocrisy.

Fortunately, unlike the GOP, the Democratic face is that of the American people. The Democratic face wants a budget that protects Social Security and pays our national debt, a prescription drug policy that provides prescription drugs for those who cannot afford them, 100,000 new teachers, 50,000 more police to combat crime.

Mr. Speaker, the Democrats understand as lawmakers, we are a reflection of the American people and should not attempt to alter that mirror image. And so I urge the GOP to leave their mask at home and try to wear the face of the American people.

VOTE "YES" TO SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. HILL of Montana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILL of Montana. Mr. Speaker, day after day Members of both political parties have come to this floor and said that we must not invade the Social Security trust fund to spend on other programs. I have been among those. The President stood in this Chamber in the 1998 State of the Union Address and said, "Let's put aside 100 percent of Social Security for Social Security." I applauded those remarks at the time. But then the President sent proposal after proposal to this floor to spend those funds. When he did that, he was wrong and I stood against him.

In the next few days, every Member of this Chamber is going to have an op-

portunity to put their money where their mouth is.

The rubber is about to meet the road. In order to avoid spending part of Social Security, we are going to have to cut back a little bit on the spending bills. It is about 1 percent, more or less. The American people are going to be watching, because it is a simple test. If you are prepared to make the tough choice that is going to be required to protect Social Security, then you will vote "yes." But if your pledge to protect Social Security has been nothing but hollow rhetoric, then you are probably going to find some reason to vote "no." It is all boiling down to this one vote.

I am going to stand with America's seniors. I am going to stand with the folks who pay the Social Security taxes. I am going to fight for Social Security. I am going to vote "yes." America is going to be watching.

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PRIVACY

(Mr. LUTHER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, financial services modernization legislation has emerged from conference committee, but unfortunately it lacks provisions that allow American consumers to keep financial institutions from distributing their personal private financial information. The bill is so riddled with loopholes that it would actually permit the telemarketing practice that outraged citizens in my home State of Minnesota and that our Attorney General Mike Hatch stopped.

It did not need to be this way, Mr. Speaker. Financial institutions need to move into the next century, but not at the expense of the American people, and we are here to represent the American people. It is not too much to ask that these institutions in the wake of an unprecedented opportunity to profit, that they respect their customers' privacy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all Americans to contact their representatives in Congress and to stop this bill from passing.

WHITE HOUSE AND DEMOCRAT MINORITY NEED TO PUT THE BRAKES ON RUNAWAY SPENDING

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, just so there is no misunderstanding about what is really going on here, let us review for a moment tax cuts.

President Clinton and his liberal Democrat allies in the Congress has seen to it that working American families will not receive one red cent in tax reductions next year.

Spending cuts.

The President and his liberal friends here in the Congress have fought fiscal restraint at every turn. The President has vetoed spending bills because they spent too little, and the Democratic leadership here in the Congress has advocated even more pork barrel spending and more foreign aid spending, even at the expense of the Social Security Trust Fund.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the White House and the liberal Democratic minority in the Congress to put working Americans first for a change. It is time to put the brakes on runaway spending. It is time the President put the veto pen away and quit raiding the Social Security Trust Fund.

UNMASKING THE FAULTY RHETORIC

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, let us really unmask the Republican rhetoric. They can repeat over and over again that they are not spending the Social Security surplus, but let me just say this: we could put wheels on my grandmother, but we would not make her a wagon. I mean this is unbelievable; it is unimaginable what they are talking about here.

Mr. Speaker, their own accounting office, the Congressional Budget Office, has said that their budget spends \$13 billion from the Social Security Trust Fund. Instead of trying to strengthen Social Security, protect it for the future and not spend it, they are in fact at this moment deep into the Social Security surplus.

As my colleagues know, the baby boomers are going to retire soon. We need a strong Social Security system for those people who are enjoying it today and for those who need to have it for the future.

The budget that the Republican leadership has prepared does not allow for that reality, so we need to call this for what it is. I will tell my colleagues what they are doing. Not only are they spending our savings, they are doing it with projects that are out of step with the public priorities. They spend billions of dollars on military projects that the Pentagon does not want. They give billions to the corporate oil and gas industry.

Let us unmask this faulty rhetoric.

GARBAGE IN, GARBAGE OUT

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, again my colleague from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO), to put it charitably, is confused. See, one of the oldest Washington tricks is to send the budgeteers